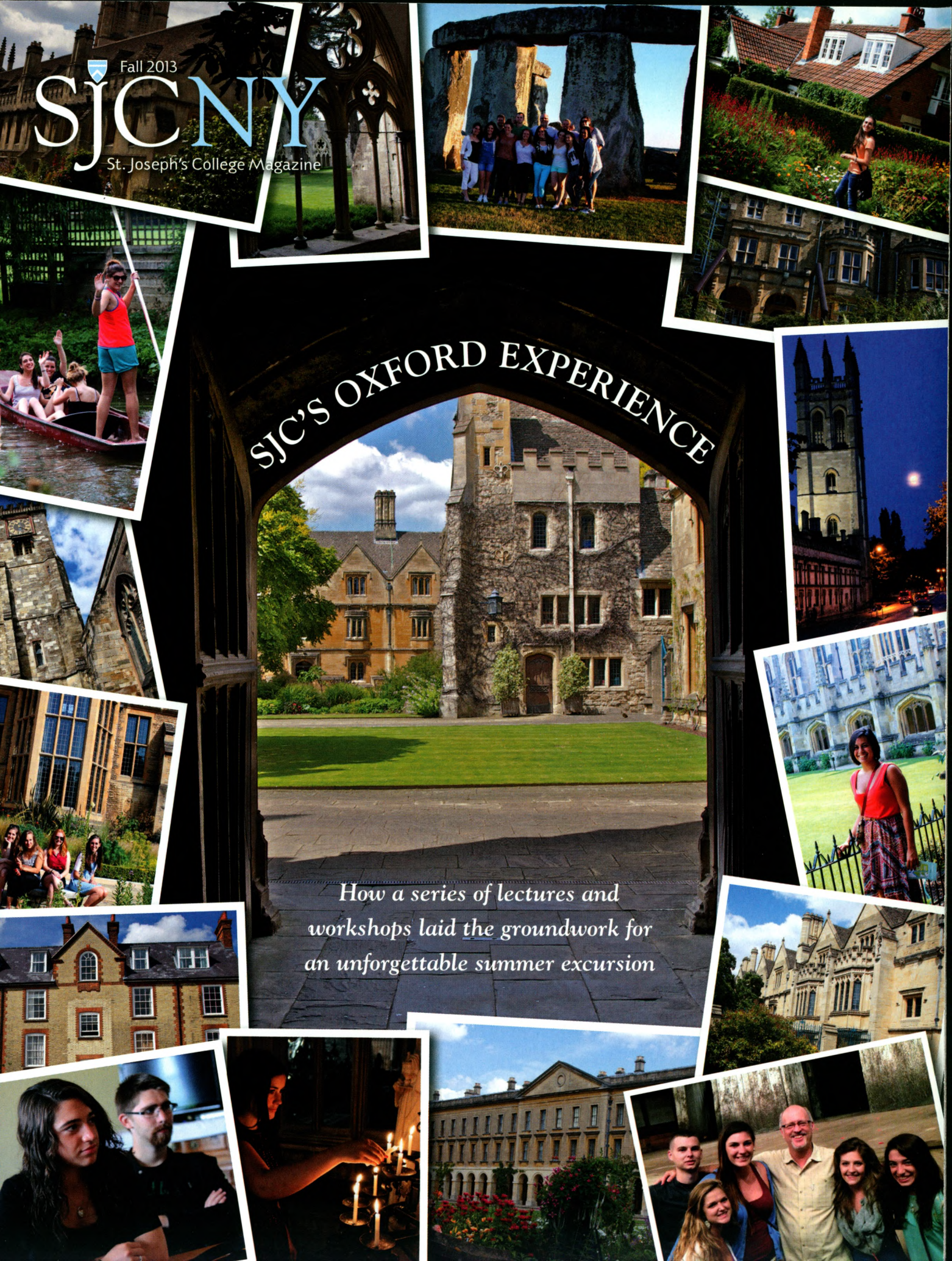




SJC'S OXFORD EXPERIENCE

*How a series of lectures and
workshops laid the groundwork for
an unforgettable summer excursion*



Here's to the Future

Long Island Campus students prepare to take the next step during St. Joseph's 94th commencement exercises. The Long Island ceremony was held on May 28 at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale. Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive officer of Island Harvest, addressed the graduates.

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A Message From ...

THERESA LA ROCCA MEYER

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT



Robert Napolitano

Welcome to a brand-new academic year — a year that promises to be an exciting, eventful and challenging in myriad ways.

As vice president for enrollment management, it is most important for me to begin by addressing the state of enrollment. For the last number of years we have known that the number of graduating high school

seniors has declined, and will continue to do so at least through 2018. In order to meet this challenge, we must continually look at new and creative ways to attract, enroll and retain students.

I am confident that the new undergraduate majors in journalism and new media studies, and hospitality and tourism management, together with the M.F.A. and master's degree in special education in Brooklyn, will be very successful in attracting new students to the College. Marketing and advertising strategies are being implemented to attract students into each of these new programs.

The new M.F.A. program in Brooklyn enrolled its inaugural class with 16 students who have excellent backgrounds. The program itself is called The Writer's Foundry at St. Joseph's College, and is directed by Jackson Taylor. Mr. Taylor is the author of *The Blue Orchard*, among his many other achievements, and St. Joseph's is very fortunate to have him as the new director of the program. Prior to joining SJC, Mr. Jackson was at The New School, where he co-founded the graduate writing program.

While admissions concentrates its efforts on attracting and admitting new students, the College is equally committed to retaining its continuing students. In order to accomplish

this goal, Academic Dean Dr. Christopher Frost set up a committee focused on retaining students at the Long Island Campus. In addition to establishing a working committee, he appointed Associate Dean Dr. Heather Barry and Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Gigi Lamens to conduct a retention-opportunities analysis. This two-day program was facilitated by Peter Bryant, senior vice president of Noel-Levitz, a nationally recognized leader in higher education committed to helping colleges achieve their enrollment goals.

During his two-day visit to campus, Mr. Bryant met with many groups of administrators, staff and students and presented the committee and senior administration with a number of significant recommendations to consider. Dean Frost, Dr. Barry and Ms. Lamens are now working with the committee to implement some of the recommendations.

For the Brooklyn Campus, Academic Dean Dr. Richard Greenwald is implementing a similar process, and has appointed Associate Dean Dr. Jill Rehmann to work with me to conduct a program with Mr. Bryant in late September. We are confident that these retention efforts will have very positive results.

At the beginning of this article, I used the words "exciting, eventful and challenging" to describe the 2013-2014 academic year, particularly in reference to the changes the College will have to embrace as a result of the upcoming retirement of President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J. I think it safe to say that all three words would be appropriate. Having stated the obvious, I think that "challenging" would be the operative word.

Having worked directly with Sister as the president, one of the biggest challenges will be to find a new president who so willingly and graciously gives his or her time to attend so many Collegewide events, and in terms of admissions and enrollment management, this is key in fostering positive relationships with prospective students, parents and families. While it will certainly be difficult to find someone to walk in Sister's footsteps, we all wish her the very best as she embarks on a new and exciting phase of her life. Whatever path she chooses, we can be assured that she will embrace it with the same level of professionalism and enthusiasm as she has demonstrated for the past 17 years.

Ad multos annos, Sister Elizabeth. ■

31st Annual Scholarship Gala to Mark the End of an Era

St. Joseph's College will honor President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., at its 31st annual Scholarship Gala on Friday, November 8, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

S. Elizabeth announced in June that she would retire as president of the College on June 30, 2014. She has held the post since 1997.

As of this issue's printing, a search committee is being formed for the next president of St. Joseph's College. The process will be ongoing through this year and into the next. S. Elizabeth's successor will be a president who will usher St. Joseph's College into our centennial in 2016, and a leader with big shoes to fill.

As S. Elizabeth departs from St. Joe's, she takes with her a legacy as a passionate leader with enduring enthusiasm for education and students.

"Being with young people is a great source of hope," S. Elizabeth told *The National Catholic Reporter* earlier this year. "Their idealism and belief that they can and will help make things better, that they can and will change the world, gives me hope. All our students are involved in many service projects, and their enthusiasm is a source of pride and inspiration for all of us who are privileged to work with them."

A student of SJC herself, S. Elizabeth graduated magna cum laude from St. Joseph's in 1964 and went on to earn a master's degree in history from Columbia University. She studied theology and scripture in Rome under the auspices of Gregorian University before earning a Juris Doctor from St. John's University School of Law, where she was also a Thomas More Scholarship student and president of the Criminal Law Institute. After receiving her J.D., S. Elizabeth spent time as a staff attorney in the Catholic Migration Office in Brooklyn.

In 1980, she returned to St. Joseph's as executive assistant to then-President S. George Aquin O'Connor, C.S.J.,

Ph.D. S. Elizabeth stood by S. George for 17 of her 28 years at the helm before succeeding her as the College's fifth president.

"It was scary. She had been such a visionary," she said of following in S. George's footsteps.

"She had such a huge impact on the College, bringing it from a fragile and endangered institution to a strong educational and academically viable college."

Since her inauguration, S. Elizabeth has overseen the expansion of two campuses, most notably the construction of a state-of-the-art Business Technology Center and 24.8-acre

outdoor sports facility on the Long Island Campus, as well as the launch of a comprehensive capital master plan for the Brooklyn Campus that included a 44,000-square-foot athletic complex.

Under her leadership, the College's enrollment and range of academic offerings have continuously increased while tuition has remained consistently among the lowest in the New York metropolitan area.

During her tenure as president, S. Elizabeth secured several large grants from the federal government, including the largest in the College's history. She was also responsible for securing successful major and estate gifts, including a bequest of \$4 million to endow scholarships for students in need.

S. Elizabeth is on the Steering Committee of the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE) and sits on the board of ERASE Racism.

She is on the board of directors of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Greene Strategic Neighborhood Action Partnership (SNAP). She is also a member of the board of trustees of The Mary Louis Academy and the board of advisors for Saint Saviour High School. ■



William Baker

SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J.

For more information on the 31st Annual Scholarship Gala, visit giving.sjcny.edu.

2BSJC: The Chance for Students to Make a Difference at St. Joseph's College

By Janee Law '14 • jlaw@student.sjcnj.edu



In the fall of 2013, the Office of College Advancement at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus will be introducing a microphilanthropy program that gives every student the opportunity to directly impact and transform their college experience to the ways they always imagined. 2BSJC is a fundraising program that handles a variety of student-focused initiatives, which will be managed by the students themselves.

"I think that it's a great idea and I hope that the school and the students embrace it, and realize that they can make a difference today," says James Graham, director of college advancement for the Long Island Campus.

"It's similar to Kickstarter, a crowd sourced fundraising concept, where students can come up with a project and do the outreach to fund the project fully," Mr. Graham continues. "I hear a lot of people say 'I wish we had this' or 'I wish we did that,' and it's all possible when you really think about it."

Once the students come up with a project, they can fill out an application that explains how their idea will benefit SJC and, if approved by the college advancement office, students will be able to begin their venture.

Throughout the process, the Office of College Advancement is eager to help their philanthropic students in several aspects.

"We would offer them all the background support that people generally don't want to do," Mr. Graham says, "and we'll send out the information to our 30,000 alumni, to help the students get their projects accomplished."

Although students have direct control over crafting and developing their projects, the college advancement office will help this production through the business office. With this, a personalized fundraising page will be set up at sjcgives.sjcnj.edu for each project. The website provides students the opportunity to reach out to friends, family and the community to inquire support for their mission.

"[Students] will be able to accept the gifts online," Mr. Graham says, "so people can make credit card donations online, but they'll also be able to send the gifts in through direct mail or however the students would like to solicit."

The college advancement office will also contribute in organizing the 2BSJC website, by tracking and acknowledging all donations, as well as advertising each project and its goals through the website, SJC social media outlets and through alumni solicitations.

Part of this process deals with creating "a synopsis of what the project is going to accomplish and what the end result is going to be," Mr. Graham explains. "For instance, students should come up with a strategy for their project to remain on the 2BSJC website for no longer than nine months. Also, students can request up to \$3,000 in funds with a clear financial plan about how their currency will be used."

Any requests over \$3,000 will be accessible but must be reviewed separately. Once they reach their goal amount, the college advancement office releases the money for students to pursue their objective and make changes across campus.

Before the development of 2BSJC program (the name itself is a play on St. Joseph's motto: *Esse non videri* — "To be, not to seem."), the Golden Eagles men's soccer team wanted to host a soccer tournament in honor of recently retired coaching legend Gary Smith. To raise money for the event, the players started their own independent philanthropy program. They made phone calls, sent out direct mail pieces and email blasts to seek financial support from the community.

Noticing their courageous effort, the college advancement office has been assisting the team through 2BSJC.

"They had a goal in mind and created something that didn't exist 12 months earlier," Mr. Graham says.

“Hopefully, it’s going to be something that will continue in perpetuity and Gary’s name will be remembered at St. Joe’s forever.”

In developing the program, Mr. Graham advises the students at SJC to recognize that they can significantly impact the world around them.

“People have to realize that, to make a difference, you don’t need to be a millionaire anymore, and I think our students should understand that as well,” Mr. Graham says. In addition, beyond making a small impact on the college, he hopes that the students at SJC will recognize this opportunity as a chance to progress themselves as individuals, while leaving a strong impact for students, in years to come.

“The most important projects are the ones that you feel most strongly about, they don’t need to have the perfect parameters, and to make a program work, you’ve got to want it and be a strong leader, as well as the driving force behind it,” he says.

“If you set a goal and put the time and effort into something, you can accomplish great things.” ■

Brooklyn Multipurpose Building Update



Oscar Melendez

After more than 450 days, construction on St. Joseph’s new Brooklyn building is nearing completion. Located on Vanderbilt Avenue, between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues, the 43,623-square-foot facility will feature a 270-seat NCAA-regulation basketball and volleyball court, a fully equipped fitness center, lockers rooms, an athletic training room and a multipurpose room. The Brooklyn Bears’ new home is slated for completion in the first quarter of 2014. ■

Crafting an All-New SJCNY.edu

Earlier this year, St. Joseph’s College assembled a Web Strategy Team tasked with recreating the College’s website. With its last major overhaul in 2009, sjcny.edu was in need of a complete redesign that would address the needs of all facets of the SJC community.

The Web Strategy Team, which comprises Kas Carey (assistant vice president for print and digital communications), Raymond D’Angelo, Ph.D. (professor of sociology, representing the faculty), Christopher Frost, Ph.D. (academic dean of the Long Island Campus), Susan Hudec, Ph.D. (dean of students and student life) and Theresa La Rocca Meyer (vice president for enrollment management) is working with Baltimore-based marketing communications firm Greatest Creative Factor (GCF).

With a track record of creative innovative designs for higher education websites, including Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, Vanderbilt University and the University of Baltimore, GCF has received more than 60 awards from Higher Education Marketing Report. More telling are the dozens of awards earned by the firm’s clients, including 35

CASE Circle of Excellence Awards — the gold standard for higher education communications.

“The purpose of the new website, as outlined by the administration, is to reflect the College’s personality and give online audiences — from prospective students to alumni, donors and the general public — a better picture of the St. Joseph’s experience,” says GCF Partner Brenda Foster, who met with nearly 200 members of the SJC community over a six-day span in May in order to understand current concerns as well as hopes and dreams for a redesigned website.

Ms. Foster and her team presented their initial findings on both campuses in July, and their preliminary design concepts received overwhelmingly positive reviews from the faculty and staff.

The all-new sjcny.edu is in the works, and is slated to launch in early 2014. ■



For more on the website redesign process, visit magazine.sjcny.edu.

Esse Non Videri Award Presented to Newsday's Bob Keeler



Claudia Mirzali

On April 16, the Institute for the Study of Religion in Community Life at St. Joseph's College presented its annual *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award to Bob Keeler, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and former editor and columnist at *Newsday*.

Mr. Keeler is the author of *Parish!: The Pulitzer Prize-Winning Story of One Vibrant Catholic Community* and *Newsday: A Candid History of the Respectable Tabloid* and co-author of *Days of Intense Emotion*. Known as a champion of social justice, Bob widely

lectures on journalism and religion, and serves as an advocate for the causes of peace and justice through the Catholic peace advocacy organization Pax Christi. He retired in December after nearly 42 years at *Newsday*.

"Bob Keeler was chosen for the 2013 *Esse Non Videri* Non-Violence Award because he is a peacemaker," said Patrick Tracy, director of campus ministry for SJC's Long Island Campus. "He has been a compassionate voice throughout his journalistic career at *Newsday*, working for a better world and challenging us to make a more peaceful society."

Named after the College's motto, *Esse Non Videri* — "To be, not to seem" — the award is presented annually to individuals who exemplify compassion, social engagement and spirituality in the pursuit of social justice and peace. Recipients are chosen for their commitment to a nonviolent way of life and efforts toward bringing about peace, perhaps in an individual or personal situation, or to the wider community or world.

Past recipients include Nobel Peace Prize nominee the Rev. John Dear, women's rights activist Homaira Mamoor, award-winning journalist Antoinette Bosco; peace activist S. Mary Fritz, Woodrow Wilson Fellow Janet Wallach and *Dead Man Walking* author S. Helen Prejean. Last year's honoree was S. Mary Beth Moore, S.C., co-director of the Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives. ■

23rd Annual SJC Golf Classic



Robert Amsler

More than 130 golfers enjoyed 18 holes at the Plandome Country Club during St. Joseph's 23rd annual Golf Classic. Originally scheduled for June 3, the event was delayed three weeks by heavy rain, but went off without a

hitch on June 24. The outing raised more than \$135,000 to benefit the College's athletic programs.

This year's honoree was Martin Racanelli Jr., vice president and partner of Melville-based Racanelli Construction Co. The East Islip native is an avid golfer and triathlete.

Three graduating seniors and one junior were presented with the 2013 Outstanding Student-Athlete Award: **Michael Carroll '13**, a four-year All-Conference soccer player for the Golden Eagles; **Kimberly Essig '13**, soccer team captain and SGA president on the Long Island Campus; **Danielle Marino '13**, a standout member of the Lady Bears softball team; and **Javier Bosque '14**, a former Brooklyn cross-country star who reinvented himself as a tennis and volleyball player after suffering from sudden cardiac arrest in his freshman year. ■



Visit magazine.sjcnyc.edu to read more about Mr. Racanelli and our Outstanding Student-Athlete Award winners.

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

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Melissa Feraca



Brian D. Hicks



Kayla Sinead Johnson

The enduring spirit and values of the Sisters of St. Joseph set an example: It takes a neighborhood to build a community, and it takes a community to support a community. Wherever you go, whatever you do, you always keep your neighborhood with you and never forget where you came from.

And so, to the 1,480 new graduates of St. Joseph's College, the challenge was clear: How will you carry your gifts into the real world and make your mark?

Addressing the Brooklyn graduates at the College's 94th commencement

exercises at the New York Marriot at the Brooklyn Bridge on May 24 was nationally renowned author Jonathan Lethem, who received an honorary Doctor of Letters. Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive officer of Island Harvest, spoke to the graduates of the Long Island Campus on May 28 at the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Uniondale. Ms. Dresner received an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Thomas Travis, Ph.D., retiring vice president for planning and dean of the School of Professional and Graduate

Studies, was honored for his 35 years of service to the College. Dr. Travis received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at the Long Island commencement exercises.

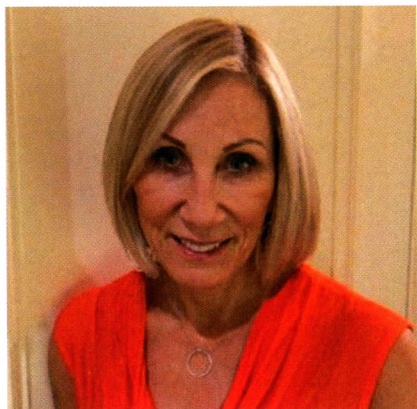
Valedictory honors were awarded to Kayla Sinead Johnson (Brooklyn School of Arts and Sciences), Brian D. Hicks (Long Island School of Arts and Sciences) and Melissa Feraca (Long Island School of Professional and Graduate Studies).

With a round of applause, SJC's newest graduates were sent off to make their mark in the world and follow their dreams. ■



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SJC Welcomes New Trustees



Alberta Aldinger '70

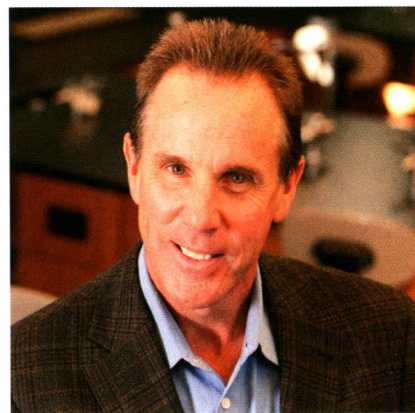
Alberta D'Afflisio Aldinger '70 and Michael E. Ryan are the newest members of the St. Joseph's College Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Aldinger earned a B.A. in Child Study from St. Joseph's College in 1970. She currently serves on the board of Community Gatepath, a nonprofit organization serving the San Mateo

and San Francisco areas of California by helping children and adults with disabilities achieve personal goals and live full and productive lives in school, the community, home and the workplace.

A community leader who serves as Gatepath's secretary, Mrs. Aldinger has extensive experience working with nonprofits, having served on the boards of National Louis University, Boys & Girls Club of Chicago, Children's Home + Aid and Easter Seals, and as president of the Community Service League.

Mr. Ryan is the president of The LandTek Group, the No. 1 athletic-field builder in the United States. He founded the Amityville-based company in 1979 after many years as a landscape and tree-care specialist, and later expanded the business into turf care. Seeing the need for improvements in the athletic field industry, he began researching new artificial-surface technology that would make athletic



Robert Amisler

Michael E. Ryan

fields safer, more cost-effective and easier to maintain.

Mr. Ryan has guided the construction of more than 200 athletic fields and sports complexes, including facilities for the New York Mets, Yankees and Jets, as well as SJC's Long Island Outdoor Athletic Complex, which opened in September 2012. ■



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News and Notes



Dr. Claire Lenz

Biology

Michael J. Hanophy, Ph.D., presented a poster titled "A Freshman Seminar Course on the History of Antibiotic Therapy Improves Scientific and Information Literacy" at the 20th annual American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators (ASMCUE) in Denver. Co-authored by McEntegart Hall librarian **Lauren Kehoe**, the work was based on their experience developing and implementing one of the College's new SJC 100 courses. The abstract was published in the *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education*.

Child Study

Claudia Bonavita '88 and **Katherine L. Granelli '82, Ed.D.**, presented "Teaching A Miracle: Integrating Special Education Practices into a Medical Model of Recovery from a Brain Injury" at Recreation: Improving Outcomes, Enhancing Lives, Reducing Risk, a conference hosted by SJC and the Long Island Leisure Services Association in cooperation with the Therapeutic

Recreation Association of Suffolk County, on April 19.

JoAnn Vitiello and **Helaine Vecchione** presented at the New York State Council for Exceptional Children Student Association's 2013 Student Leadership Conference in June at Dominican College in Orangeburg, Rockland County. Ms. Vitiello presented "Michael's Story: Living with Autism," and Ms. Vecchione presented "Using Common Sense with the Common Core" to the pre-service teachers.

Claire Lenz, Ed.D., published an article, "Can We Talk? A Model for Active Comprehension Using Technology," in the online edition of the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* (Vol. 57). Dr. Lenz also presented at the International Reading Association in San Antonio in May on the topic, "A 21st Century Combination: Informational Text, the Common Core Standards and Technology."

Kathleen Cassidy '99 and **Edgar Daniels** presented at the New York State Middle School Association Regional Conference, Teaching for Tomorrow, held at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus on May 29. Their presentation was titled "Integrating Non-Fiction, Fiction and Video to Meet the Common Core Standards."

Jan Harting-McChesney, Ed.D., presented a paper at the London Educational Research Symposium, held at the Oxford and Cambridge University Club in London last November. Dr. Harting-McChesney, along with research colleague Dr. Catherine O'Callaghan, presented findings from their most recent study, "Preservice Teachers Use of Technology and Information Communication Technologies in Literacy Instruction. She recently contributed an article to *The Journal of Inquiry and Action in Education*, "Finding



Dr. Judith Phagan

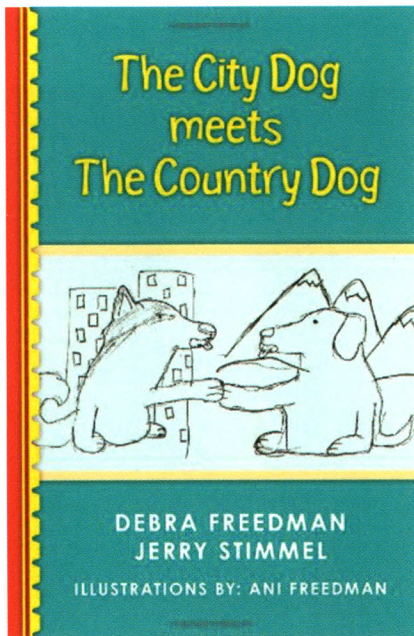
a Manageable Body of Content: Seven Literacy Teacher Educators Explore the Constraints on What They Teach."

English

Judith Phagan, D.A., presented a paper at the New York College English Association meeting in Buffalo, N.Y., titled "Prayer, Poetry and Oppression: Exploring Borderlands in Leslie Marmon Silko's *Ceremony*."

Peter Mascuch, Ph.D., presented a paper, "The Master Meets His Match? Bio-Pics, Dramatic License, and 'The Dark Side of Genius' in *Hitchcock* and *The Girl*," at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Popular Culture and American Culture Associations in Washington, D.C., in March.

Alena Dillon's collection of humor essays, *I Thought We Agreed to Pee in the Ocean: and Other Amusings From a Girl Wearing Sweatpants* (Martlet & Mare Books), will be published this fall in paperback and e-book formats from Amazon.com and select bookstores.



Susan Nakley, Ph.D.'s article "Rounded She a Pistel": National Institutions and Identities According to Chaucer's Wife of Bath," has been accepted by the *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*, and will be published sometime in 2014. Dr. Nakley delivered a paper, "Chaos and Noble Designs, or, Blunder then Plunder?" at the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Mich., in May, and is scheduled to deliver a paper, "On the Unruly Power of Pain in Middle English Drama," at the MLA National Convention in Chicago in January. She also had a book review appear in *The Medieval Review* in April, and another will appear in *JEGP* next year.

Benedick Turner, Ph.D., contributed an article, "A Man's Work Must She Do: Female Manliness in Tennyson's *Gareth and Lynette*," to the journal *Victorian Poetry*. It is scheduled for publication in the fall 2014 issue. In November, he will present a paper, "The Arching Vault of Truth: Architecture and Pragmatism in *The Portrait of a Lady*," at the 111th annual meeting of the Pacific and Ancient Modern Language Association in San Diego.

General Studies

Debra Freedman recently co-authored and self-published a children's book, *The City Dog Meets the Country Dog*, through Amazon.com. She has also published a book used for teaching English as a second language through Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, and has presented papers at the Puerto Rico Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages' (PRTESOL) annual convention.

Health Administration

John Sardelis, Dr.P.H., was recently elected chairman of the finance committee for Affinity Health Plan's board of directors, and appointed as a member of the audit committee for IPRO's board of directors.

Mathematics and Computer Science

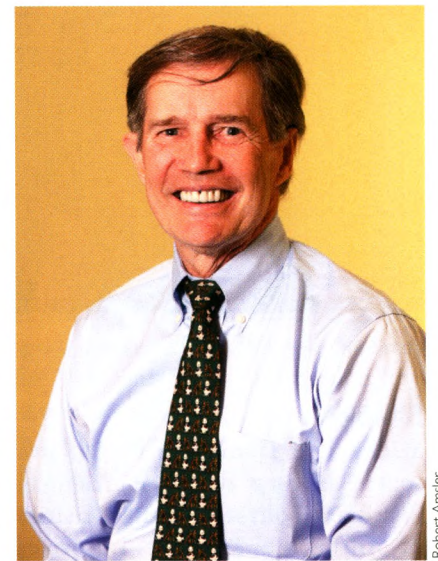
S. Eileen Marie Connor, OP, Ed. D., presented at the fifth Technology-in-Education Conference, held at the Long Island Campus on May 20 ("User-friendly Apps for Education and Mobile Learning"), and at Campus Technology 2013: the 20th annual Education Technology Conference in Boston on July 31 ("Transforming Learning Through the Mindful Use of Digital Multimedia and Technology"). S. Eileen Marie also received a certificate of recognition from Phi Delta Kappa International for five years of distinguished service and leadership.

William McAllister and **S. Jane Fritz, C.S.J.**, have signed a contract with publisher Mercury Learning and Information to co-author a basic programming textbook, *Learning Java — A Game Programming Approach*. The book incorporates game programming, which Mr. McAllister says has led to measured improvements in student learning outcomes in his classes, into a basic text.

Modern Languages

María Montoya, Ph.D., contributed an article, "De la pantalla al papel:

Benjamín Jarnés y el cine" ("From the Screen to the Page: Benjamín Jarnés and Film") to the September 2013 edition of *Hispanófila*, a Romance-language publication of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her essay "Parodies of Don Juan in the Tales of Clarín and Galdós" appeared in the volume *At Whom Are We Laughing: Humor in Romance Languages Literatures* (Cambridge Scholars) in July.



Dr. John Sardelis

Philosophy

Wendy Turgeon, Ph.D., organized and presented at two conferences for the Interdisciplinary-Net Research Group in Oxford, England, in July. One conference paper was on childhood ("Portrait of the Child as the Young Artist") and the other on the concept of play in learning ("Little Red Riding Hood meets Superman: Kieran Egan's Imaginative Education and the Playful Child").

Psychology

Christopher Frost, Ph.D., dean of the School of Arts and Sciences for SJC's Long Island Campus, had several works published in *Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, the quarterly magazine of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi,

including a story, "Adoption: Homeward Bound" (summer 2012); and two photography columns: "Where (Mis) Fortune Resides?" (fall 2012) and "Opening the Doors of Educational Opportunity" (spring 2013). Dr. Frost also co-authored "The Ethics of Neuroscience and the Neuroscience of Ethics: A Phenomenological-Existential Approach" in *Science and Engineering Ethics*, which also featured a scholarly reply to the work.

John Karahalis, Ed.D., co-authored and published an article in the spring 2013 issue of the *Long Island Education Review*, titled "An Examination of Transition Planning With Classified Special Education Students Using Kohler's Model to Identify Coherence and Compliance Within Secondary Transition Programs." Dr. Karahalis was also the keynote presenter at STEProgram.com's conference, *Whose Life is it Anyway? Transition Planning for the 21st-Century Learner*, in Bohemia on March 21.

Darshanand Ramdass, Ph.D., attended "Research on Innovation for Enhancing Achievement and Equity," a seminar hosted by the Pittsburgh Science of

Learning Center at Carnegie Mellon University on June 22 and 23. He also presented a poster titled "The Role of Modeling and Feedback on Middle School Students' Math Skills, Self-Beliefs, and Calibration."

Diane Sherlip, Ph.D., presented "How to Start and Build a Psychotherapy Practice" at the New York State Psychological Association's 76th Annual Convention on June 1 in New York City. The next day, she presented "Bridging the Divide: Facilitating Difficult Dialogues to Enhance Student Learning" at The Teaching Professor's 10th annual conference in New Orleans.

Dominique Treboux, Ph.D., presented "Two Weeks After Hurricane Sandy: Relations Between Loss and Anxiety," at the 25th Association for Psychological Science (APS) Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. in May, along with St. Joseph's students Justine Howell, Kelly Laliberty and Anthony Friszell.

Social Sciences

William Bengston, Ph.D., presented "Lessons from the Lab" via Skype to the World Institute for Scientific Exploration in Hong Kong in March,



Robert Amisler

Dr. Diane Sherlip

and in April presented "A Selection of Research on Anomalous Healing" to Columbia University's Department of Psychology.

Stephen J. Rockwell, Ph.D., wrote "Public Service and the Making of America" for *PA TIMES*, a publication of the American Society for Public Administration, and contributed a book review to the September issue of the *Journal of American History*. ■



JoAnn Vitiello in the classroom.

Destination:



The region's hospitality, tourism and health care industries need leaders, and SJC's students are ready to lead the charge.

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syn•er•gy [sin-er-jee]

noun, plural syn•er•gies

The interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements, contributions, etc.; synergism.

For an institution of higher learning to be successful and relevant over a long period, it needs to have the flexibility, the will and the courage to adapt to changing times. It has to understand the needs of a changing world and be prepared to act on a moment's notice. It needs to create a constant state of synergy between itself, its students and the community at large.

St. Joseph's College — now in its 97th year — has long understood the importance of synergism. Over the past year, this publication has highlighted a number of key examples. Our renowned child study department's universal pre-kindergarten program, which has doubled in size since you read about it in these pages last year ("The UPK Investment," spring 2012), enables students to train in actual classroom settings while also providing an invaluable service to the now four school districts it serves.

The College's ongoing and ever-expanding work for and with veterans and active-duty members of our armed forces ("The Military Connection," fall 2012) plays a critical role in both recruiting new students and aiding the military community's transition to civilian life.

The immediate response of our students, staff and faculty to the terrible aftermath of Superstorm Sandy ("Voices From the Storm," spring 2013) demonstrated our ability to pull together in an instant to aid our neighbors and friends in a crisis — a tangible demonstration of the College's stated mission: to prepare students "for lives of integrity, social responsibility and service."

SJC's latest venture — and its latest exercise in synergism with the community at large — comes in the form of a new major and its extracurricular extension, the Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Management.

The Institute, also abbreviated as IHTM, is the forerunner to the College's new Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) program, the latest in a long chain of programs implemented by outgoing President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J., J.D., intended to enhance and expand SJC's academic offerings. It is one of three new majors being launched for the fall 2013 semester, along with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and New Media Studies, and the Brooklyn Campus' new M.F.A. in Creative Writing (see "Inside the Writer's Foundry," spring 2013).

For a small college such as St. Joseph's, which has traditionally maintained a strong reputation in a few key areas, these new majors are ensuring the College's relevancy and serving as a hedge against future recessions.

"The school has been known primarily, if not fundamentally, for the caliber of teachers it produces," says Christopher Frost, Ph.D., academic dean of the Long Island Campus.

"One of the things that makes our teacher preparation so strong is that it's wrapped in this liberal arts tradition, and the program requires a lot of reflection on what you're doing and how you're doing it. If we take those same qualities and attributes and bring those to other areas, including hospitality and tourism, that means we're producing the kind of graduates that have the very best of what the liberal arts have to offer, along with an expertise in a professional area in which they can immediately start making some real contributions."

The Major

The B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management, which is available to students on both the Brooklyn and Long Island campuses, places strong emphasis on the general well-being of our environment, our neighbors and visitors to the region through three concentrations: tourism, health care hospitality and hotel management. Each of these will provide new and specific pathways for our students to excel in these in-demand areas.

In January, New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's budget office predicted that the biggest employment gains statewide in 2013 would be in leisure and hospitality, including hotels (27,700 jobs), and health care and social services (16,900 jobs).

"Hospitality is a multi-billion dollar industry for New York City," says Richard Greenwald, Ph.D., academic dean of the Brooklyn Campus. "What it needs are highly qualified leaders, who have breadth and depth in the knowledge of both the industry and the world. Our program combines the best of an SJC education: a solid set of cutting edge courses in the field enveloped in a rich liberal arts environment."

"We need to ensure that our students not only have the necessary skills to hit the ground running, but equally as important, that they have the skills to continually grow and adapt, and have the cultural literacy and knowledge to make sense of the continuously changing world."

"The potential for tourism is huge," Dr. Frost echoes. "It's over a \$5 billion industry on Long Island. The amount of money New York state brings in annually through tourism is staggering. That's even though, in certain cases, we haven't paid as much focus on it as we should have."

That focus is rapidly increasing, and St. Joseph's means to be a leader in these fields for years to come. The tourism concentration emphasizes environmental sustainability, the locavore/farm-to-table movement (generally concerned with the production and distribution of food on a local level), ecotourism (responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people) and agritourism (the practice of attracting visitors and travelers to agricultural areas, generally for educational and recreational purposes).



With its abundance of natural resources and habitats — including more than 100 miles of beaches, 36,000 acres of farmland and vineyards, and a wide variety of nature preserves, ecosystems and habitats — the New York Metropolitan area is a prime location to foster a new workforce for these emerging fields.

"The program will build on local strengths and regional identities. For Brooklyn this will mean the growing cultural, artisanal nature of the Brooklyn brand," Dr. Greenwald says.

"The major will connect the campus and our students to an important and growing industry and economic driver for the city," he continues. "It will also provide a space for the industry to think and plan, providing a forum that connects leading thinkers and connects the industry to the larger political economy of the city."

While the hotel management concentration is intrinsically tied to tourism (visitors to the region will need a place to stay, after all), the health care hospitality concentration may strike some as a bit of an outlier.

Referring to a focus on how individuals experience care in hospitals and clinical settings, health care hospitality is a field that will have particular relevance in New York state, thanks to a recent change in health care law. In October 2012, Medicare began withholding 1 percent of its reimbursement payments to hospitals. That money — \$850 million in the first year alone — is now allocated as bonus money for hospitals that score above

average on a 27-question patient-satisfaction survey.

As of 2011, New York's average hospital patient satisfaction ratings were last in the nation, with three local regions — Manhattan, the Bronx and East Long Island — ranking in the bottom 10 of 295 regions nationwide, according to Kaiser Health News.

"Our health administration advisers have informed us that, due to the new reimbursement rules being tied to patient satisfaction scores, they are facing a need for employees with a hospitality background," says Gail Lamberta, Ph.D., associate academic dean on the Long Island Campus.

"SJC recognized the importance of responding to the concerns of the health care hospitality industry, and being on the cutting edge of program development, immediately established a new major to meet the needs within this setting. We have designed a program that draws on the strengths, resources and expertise of the College's well-established business, recreation and leisure studies, and health administration departments."

Hospitality and tourism management professionals today are not only required to have special knowledge specific to their areas of concentration, but also are required to have an understanding of the humanities, behavioral sciences, social sciences and natural sciences. As such, each student majoring in hospitality and tourism management is required to complete 60 liberal arts credits, which are designed to enhance their ability to reason logically, to think critically, to develop a value system and to make decisions ethically, as well as an internship relative to his or her area of concentration.

The Institute

A precursor to the new major, the aforementioned Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Management was unveiled in the months after Superstorm Sandy, but it had been in development for more than a year before that. Sandy was not the impetus for IHTM, but rather a stark demonstration of why the Institute's mission — to provide a leading voice on the discussion of responsible tourism and hospitality — is an important one for this region.

"In the face of Superstorm Sandy, we were all reminded how intricately connected we are to our physical place, and how urgent the need is to prepare students to take on the challenge of stewarding our natural resources," Dr. Frost says.

"By way of the Institute, we will partner with our surrounding communities to provide education,

research and technical and cultural support to help promote economic and cultural development and ecological conservation.”

The details of the storm’s aftermath are well known by now, and the rebuilding has been under way for more than half a year. An important element of those efforts, however, is to understand how other areas ravaged by natural disasters — Louisiana, in particular — were able to recover, and how to emulate their successes and avoid their pitfalls. As such, the Institute made its debut in March by welcoming experts in the field of disaster recovery for IHTM’s inaugural speakers series: Common Issues, Unique Solutions: Rebuilding and Protecting Long Island’s Natural Assets and Communities.

Andrew Mowen, Ph.D., of the Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Management at Pennsylvania State University, and Ariane Rung, Ph.D. of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center began the series at the Long Island Campus on March 12 with their lecture, “Disaster Resistance and Resilience: Why Neighborhood Parks Matter,” discussed the critical role that park and recreation services can play in fostering community engagement and rebuilding social cohesion after a natural disaster.

On April 10, Daniel Wolff visited the Long Island Campus to present “Disaster Revelations: Losses, gains and rebuilding efforts for a new future.” Mr. Wolff, best-selling author of *The Fight for Home: How (Parts of) New Orleans Came Back*, drew comparisons between Hurricane Katrina and Superstorm Sandy, and discussed what we can watch for in the relief efforts to come. His documentary film *I’m Carolyn Parker* (directed by Academy Award winner Jonathan Demme) was screened in the McGann Conference Center before the lecture.

The Institute will also be collaborating with a wide variety of government agencies and other local organizations to further the cause of sustainability and environmental presentation. One such partnership is with the Friends of the Fire Island National Seashore (FFINS), with whom Dr. Lamberta visited on June 26 to introduce IHTM and promote the new major. FFINS board member Renée Kantro, M.B.A. ’97, is an admissions counselor and preceptor for St. Joseph’s organizational management program, and recently founded a student chapter of FFINS at the College. The chapter’s co-moderator Kirk S. Lawrence, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology; and Mohammad Rana, Ph.D., professor of biology, joined Dr. Lamberta and Ms. Kantro for a daylong tour of Fire Island.

“Having an official FFINS student chapter on campus has given our students, and the SJC community as a whole, an opportunity to network and

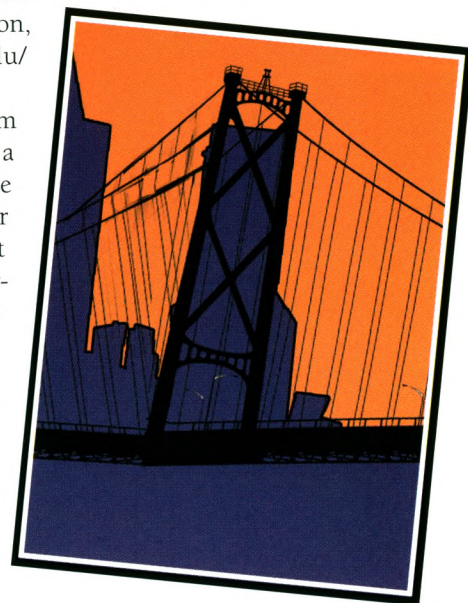
represent our College as environmental ambassadors to our National Parks Service — as well as the many other communities that make up Fire Island itself — to demonstrate that St. Joseph’s College is committed to fostering proper stewardship and responsible tourism in the preservation of our surrounding seashore,” Ms. Kantro says.

Synergy at Work

The relationship between the Institute and the tourism and hospitality industry is reciprocal: The College provides relevant training and research that enhances the industry, and in turn, the industry provides students with valuable opportunities to link classroom learning with professional experience. As St. Joseph’s prepares our students for their careers in these fields, it will also be making a positive impact on our region and the global community.

That impact will be further amplified by a recent addendum to a 2011 articulation agreement between SJC and Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), which will facilitate the transfer of course credits from Suffolk’s Associate of Applied Science in Hotel and Resort Management program to St. Joseph’s HTM program, and expedite the transfer process for students. Under the amended agreement, SJC will also award one \$11,000 Hospitality and Tourism Management Scholarship each year to a graduate of SCCC’s Hotel and Resort Management Program. For more information, visit www.sjcny.edu/scccagreement.

Superstorm Sandy was not just a wake-up call for the need to protect our natural resources. It was also an opportunity for SJC to discover new and meaningful ways to connect with our neighbors and serve our communities while ensuring our own success well into the College’s next 100 years. ■





SJC'S OXFORD

How a series of lectures and workshops laid the ground

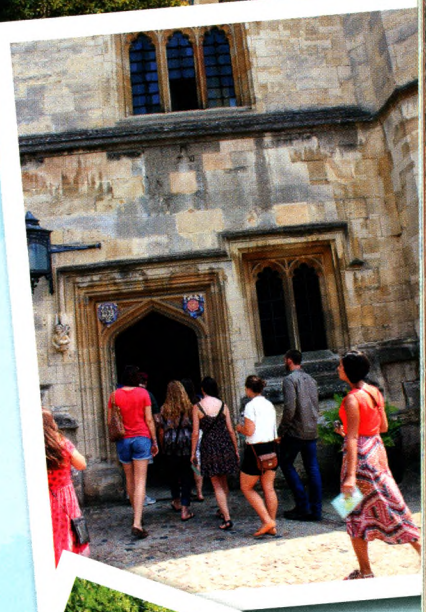


EXPERIENCE

andwork for an unforgettable summer excursion

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With roots dating back to the 11th century, the prestigious University of Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world, and the second-oldest surviving university in the world. Located about 60 miles northwest of London, it is divided into 44 independent colleges that allow students from different cultures and countries to come together to share in a truly global and collaborative manner.





From July 14 through August 4, 10 students from St. Joseph's College — along with students from Boise State and Texas State universities — visited the university as part of the Oxford 2013 study abroad program. During their stay at Oxford's St. Hilda's College, a coeducational institution originally founded as a college for women in 1893, students completed a rigorous three-week course of intellectual study and immersed themselves in the English culture with trips to London Museums, Shakespeare's Globe Theater and Stonehenge.

The students were accompanied by Christopher Frost, Ph.D., the Long Island Campus' academic dean and head of the SJC Oxford 2013 program. Dr. Frost also led these students through a rigorous preparatory course of study during the spring 2013 semester.

"Among other things, an international immersion experience can get us out of the 'blip culture' and prod us to pay attention to something long enough and in a sustained enough way that, in itself, promotes some kind of perceptual shift," Dr. Frost said. "Even our experience of time, for example, is not a given, and that's one of the things that can shift fundamentally — if we live long enough or stay in a place long enough where we operate at a different pace."

Since he became the academic dean of the Long Island Campus' School of Arts and Sciences in January 2012, Dr. Frost has emphasized the importance of studying abroad. The former associate dean of undergraduate studies and professor of psychology and religion at San Diego State University (SDSU) has traveled extensively himself.

A native of Austin, Texas, who began his college career at the United States Naval Academy and then Baylor University, Dr. Frost

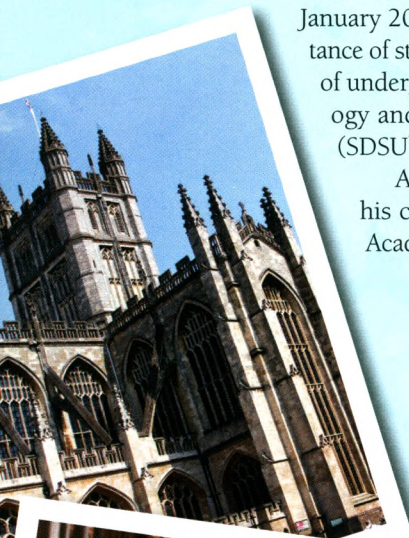
later earned an M.A. in Psychology of Religion and a Ph.D. in Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Boston University. From 1986-2006 he taught psychology and directed the honors program at Texas State University, along with brief interludes as a visiting professor at Midway Women's College in Kentucky, a Fulbright senior research scholar at the University of Bucharest in Romania, and a visiting associate professor at Al Akhwayn University in Morocco.

This year, Dr. Frost brought the Oxford program to SJC and encouraged students to participate in its course of study. Now in its 10th year, the program began at Texas State University and followed him to SDSU. According to Dr. Frost, he was inspired to start the program through his belief in a teaching style in which students don't just study from a text book in a classroom, but read from primary sources and then engage in discussion with the authors of these texts in an academic setting. He believes in a full academic immersion when seeking an all-encompassing education.

"There is a kind of respect for this level of engagement between primary text, author, professor and direct engagement of students in a fundamental way," Dr. Frost noted in regard to the teaching method utilized in the Oxford program. "That model of education, for me, is something that I don't want to see colleges and universities lose."

Before departing for Oxford in July, students took part in a series of related events during their spring 2013 semester, such as attending a question-and-answer session and a public lecture, "Jeremiah and His Lamentations" given by Dr. Frost's mentor: Holocaust survivor and acclaimed author Elie Wiesel, with whom he studied at Boston University in the early 1980s.

SJC President S. Elizabeth A Hill, C.S.J., and Provost S. Loretta McGrann, C.S.J., joined the students and Dr. Frost for the lecture, and each student received a personally inscribed copy of Mr. Wiesel's



critically acclaimed book, *Night*. During the Q&A session held before Mr. Wiesel's public lecture, students were provided with a kosher meal and afforded the opportunity to ask questions and take pictures with him in a private setting.

Students in the program also met with Partners in Health co-founder Paul Farmer, M.D., Ph.D., who is known for his work in delivering the benefits of modern medical science to developing nations worldwide, and welcomed distinguished Skidmore College professor Sheldon Solomon, Ph.D. — best known for developing the Terror Management Theory, which is concerned with how humans deal with the concept of their own mortality — who traveled to the Long Island Campus to lead a three-hour seminar.

In April, they participated in a religion-science panel discussion in New York City titled "The Future of God: The Merging of Science and Religion." According to Dr. Frost, the relationship between science and religion has been a question that he has pursued for decades. "Oxford provides this kind of optimum place for an intense experience for students concerning these issues," he noted.

Students involved in the program studied the connections between the two enterprises in courses that were designed to cross traditional disciplinary boundaries. The overall goal of these courses was to encourage students to think critically about the topics of science and religion, and to challenge students to examine the gap between these two intellectual domains, inspiring students to bridge it.

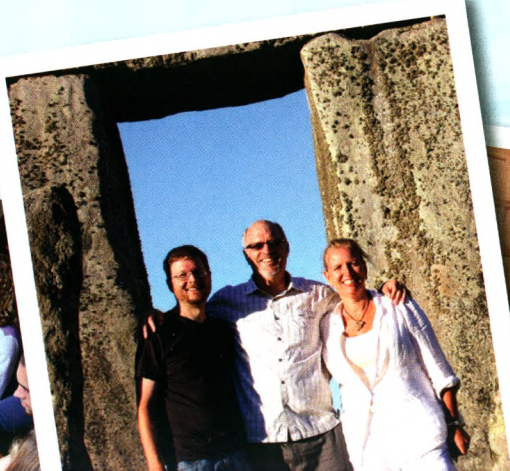
Dr. Frost commented that the courses in the program are not ones that "try to provide answers," but rather courses that "try to raise very good questions" concerning the topics of religion and science. "I have chosen primary texts that I found very powerful," he said, to include "a wide span of authors who are quite different from each other, with distinctive takes, but

that are all provocative and that are all connected to Oxford in some way." He cites novelist and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis, Lewis scholar and biographer Walter Hooper, and evolutionary biologist and noted atheist Richard Dawkins among these authors.

Former students of the Oxford program also noted that their experience through the program taught them to be more open to differing viewpoints about the world and that, because of the small sizes of the classes for the program, that they were encouraged to speak their minds more than in some of their other, larger classes. Keith Boone, a previous Oxford Program participant from SDSU, commented that the program was "an excellent opportunity for growth and development," and that at Oxford, "there seemed to be a desire to have more meaningful conversations and discussions."

"These trips are as deeply enriching for me as I hope they are for students," Dr. Frost said. "Twenty-five years after I began teaching, it helps me to reconnect with why I chose this profession in the first place, and that's a pretty nice feeling."

Over the years Dr. Frost has taken between 400 and 450 students abroad to places such as Tanzania and the Yucatán Peninsula. He has also taken close to 250 students to Oxford (and Canterbury, prior to Oxford) since that program began in 2003. Dr. Frost's advice for students is to remember what is meaningful to them. "Who you are and what you do should align, should be of one piece," he said. "I encourage students to figure out a way in which everything from the career they're pursuing to the hobbies they have and the relationships they hold, reflect who they are and what is meaningful to them." ■





FROM **WEST POINT** TO THE **EAST END**

Retired Army Colonel Alan Vitters inspires new leaders at SJC

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*"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."*

From Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken"

In an office on the second floor of the Business Technology building at St. Joseph's Long Island Campus sits a very mild-mannered gentleman in casual business attire. His office is full of family photos and the different places that he has been. He is Alan Vitters, Ph.D., assistant professor of business administration and accounting, and retired United States Army colonel.

Dr. Vitters has taken the road less traveled, and he believes that it really has made all the difference. "In some respects I think that that's very typical of my life," Dr. Vitters says after quoting the poem by Robert Frost.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Northport, Dr. Vitters spent 24 years in the armed forces, during which he was awarded two Meritorious Service Medals, seven Air Medals, three Bronze Stars with valor and merit, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Soldier's Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, the Legion of Merit and a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

As humble today as he was when he began his career with the U.S. Army at the age of 18, Dr. Vitters reflects back on his initial decision to join the Army and apply to the United States Military Academy for his college education.

"I think what initially drove me there was the idea of being a whole person," he says. "In other words, being in an environment where you pursued academic things, athletic sports and physical conditioning — and also a spiritual environment as well."

According to Dr. Vitters, the words of then-President John F. Kennedy also aided in his decision. "He was talking about serving your country," he says, "and 'ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.' That whole idea, that whole spirit, kind of said that maybe a military career was for me, and all of those things were in my head at the time as an 18-year-old."

In the Army, Dr. Vitters served as a platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division and as a platoon leader and company commander in Vietnam. From 1971 to 1973, he was commander of the Honor Guard in Washington, D.C., directing the casket team for the state funerals of former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson, and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. He later served on the faculty at West Point in the Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership from

1975-1978, and commanded the 4th Battalion, 54th Infantry at Fort Knox, Ky., from 1983 to 1985.

After retiring from the Army in 1992, Dr. Vitters taught a junior ROTC program in Florida. "When I retired, I knew that I wanted to go into teaching," Dr. Vitters says. "It's a great way to make a difference in young people's lives."

After returning to Long Island, he began to look around for colleges that would be a good fit for him, regarding his teaching experiences and his military background.

"St. Joe's chose me," he says, "and I very much enjoy being here with the St. Joe's student body."

Now in his ninth year as an SJC instructor, Dr. Vitters teaches at the undergraduate and graduate levels in organizational management. "I'm drawn to the teaching mission here, I really enjoy teaching and being with the students, I hope that I can make a difference in their lives," he says.

During the academic year, Dr. Vitters teaches seven courses and brings his military, leadership and teamwork experiences to the classroom as a teaching aid. "I like to think that we are seeding Long Island with world-class innovative concepts for management, and I like to be a part of that," he says.

He is also involved in the Armed Force Association on the Long Island Campus.

"St. Joe's has a great tradition now of helping military students and it's a very military-friendly campus," he says, noting that there are about 180 military-connected students now involved at SJC in one way or another. Dr. Vitters has been the moderator of the group since its inception five years ago.

The club holds events raising awareness of the hardships soldiers endure, such as movie nights and hosting keynote speakers, including World War II veterans. It also serves as a social function for its members who periodically gather to watch the Army-Navy game and other events.

"We've been doing some fundraising for the Wounded Warrior Project and also sponsoring events that will spark people's awareness of what the military is all about and the sacrifices that military people make," he says.

Dr. Vitters offers what he called the "three ingredients to success in any organization" for students. The elements are focus, feeling and time.

"You've got to learn to focus on the areas that really matter and have feeling for what you do, try to find a match between your skill set and your interests and the kinds of positions that you want to go into," he says.

"My last bit of advice would be that they should be adaptable, and should prepare to give a lot of time. To be successful it's not a 9-to-5 job with anybody today." ■

A TEA

**Men's basketball
volunteer assistant coach
Dr. Lukasz Cygan '07**

M PLAYER

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With blue eyes and sandy blonde hair, Lukasz Cygan, D.O., is considered respectable, kind, modest, altruistic, hard working and a guide for students at St. Joseph's College.

Michael Jordan once said, "Obstacles don't have to stop you; If you run into a wall don't turn around and give up, figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it." For Dr. Cygan, that determination and discipline he learned on the basketball court is now applied to his career. "There are some hard days, but you have to just keep going," he says.

A 2007 graduate of SJC's Brooklyn Campus, Dr. Cygan explains that his experience with the men's basketball team significantly influenced him throughout his career. "Being part of the basketball team has helped me in the medical field because I'm a team player," Dr. Cygan says. "I don't complain and I do what's good for the team."

Born in Poland, Dr. Cygan moved to Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, when he was 5 years old and still lives there to this day. Prior to attending the College, he was a student at Xaverian High School, where his basketball coach pointed him in the direction of St. Joseph's.

"I applied and got a full academic scholarship," Dr. Cygan says. "That sealed the deal because I knew I was going to stay home, and after hearing SJC was a small school, I thought it would be a pretty good fit for my personality." The full ride was a major advantage. However, the opportunity to continue his basketball career became an even greater benefit.

"What really helped me at St. Joe's was the small school and the family atmosphere," he says.

In his sophomore year at SJC, Dr. Cygan was struggling academically. "I didn't have a great semester as a freshman and I was on probation for my scholarship," he says. Noticing that he was underachieving, then-Academic Dean S. Margaret Buckley, C.S.J., Ed.D., pulled him aside, reminded him of his potential and asked what he wanted to do in life.

"I told her I was thinking about trying to get into medical school and, given that I wasn't pre-med, she laid out the track I needed to take all of my required courses,"

Dr. Cygan says. "That spontaneous, 10-minute meeting put me on the track that I am still on today."

Like the support he gained on the basketball court, Dr. Cygan received the same assistance for his academics at St. Joseph's, with the help of S. Margaret.

"In order for me to graduate on time, she changed the class schedule just so I could take the prerequisites in two years instead of three," he explains. "Following that meeting, I finished my required courses in my last two years, raised my GPA from a 3.2 to a 3.7 and was accepted into medical school."

Before graduating in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, Dr. Cygan spent four years as a forward on the Bears basketball team and served as co-captain in his senior year. From there, Dr. Cygan attended the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury and graduated in May 2012 with a Doctor of Osteopathy. He is now in his second year of an allopathic (M.D.) residency at Staten Island University Hospital.

"I'm at a great place," he says, "and it has good training."

While working in the emergency room, Dr. Cygan completes 12-hour shifts, which, for the most part, turn into 13- or 14-hour shifts.

"I'm the first doctor that you see," he says. "We decide whether you go home, stay or if you need anything to save your life." Although the work may seem extensive at times, Dr. Cygan enjoys every minute of it. "There's never a boring day and my specialty is awesome," he says. "So far so good."

Similar to his experience on the basketball court, Dr. Cygan's ability to react and make quick decisions under pressure is crucial for the medical field. "My whole life, I never thought I would become a doctor because it never occurred to me that I had that kind of potential," he says.

For many athletes, the love for the game never dies and, like Dr. Cygan, there comes an opportunity to be reunited once more.

Back in his first year of medical school at NYCOM, SJC basketball coach Joseph Cocozello asked Dr. Cygan if he wanted to assist him in coaching the team. At first, Dr. Cygan declined the offer, since school was his primary focus. When Coach Cocozello asked again in Lukasz's second year of med school, he was eager to try it out.

"I've been coaching ever since," Dr. Cygan says. "This year, I was a volunteer coach because I have to

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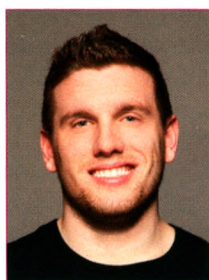
BORN TO STAND OUT



Class clowns **Chris Distefano '06** and **Stacey Smith '09** go for laughs

by Ashley Heffernan '14 and Janee Law '14

The great Will Ferrell once said, "All you have in comedy, in general, is just going with your instincts." For St. Joseph's alumni and professional comedians Chris Distefano '06 and Stacey Smith '09, intuition is part of their everyday lives.



Chris Distefano
knows the "Code"
for success

As a stand-up comic, Chris performed on live television for the first time June 20, as a guest on *The Late Show With David Letterman*. When

he walked on the stage, the Ridgewood native was confident, calm and laid back, lighting up the room with his quick wit and thick Brooklyn accent.

"It was an amazing experience," Chris said. "One of those things that I'll remember forever."

During his performance on *Letterman*, Chris' family and friends, including longtime pal Dr. Lukasz Cygan '07 (see story on Page 24), supported him from the audience.

"I only got four tickets for my mom, my dad, my stepmom and Luk," he continued. "He is one of the most important people in my life, so he was there with me."

The two alumni met at St. Joe's through the Brooklyn Bears basketball team and shared several classes together, thanks to their mutual interest in the medical field. "We also went to graduate school together," he revealed, "so we became tight."

As students at St. Joseph's Brooklyn Campus, Chris and Lukasz would watch some of the comedians that performed during common hour. "That's when I started talking about doing comedy," Chris said. Although he planned to begin comedy in his senior year, Chris felt that

it was not the right time.

After graduating from SJC in 2006 with a B.A. in Psychology, Chris went to the New York Institute of Technology's College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he earned a doctorate in physical therapy. However, Chris' professional life shifted dramatically in 2009, during his second year of graduate school, when his career as a stand-up comedian began.

"It really takes a little while for you to just do it because it's nerve racking," he said. "Everyone is scared to bomb, which is understandable, I was at first too, but after that you just bounce back up the next day and put on a show. Bombing is not going to kill you, man."

Chris has opened for comedy legends such as Richard Lewis, Gilbert Gottfried and Artie Lange. He is currently a cast member on MTV2's hit shows *Guy Code* and *Girl Code*, and a featured performer on MTV's *Failosophy* and *Money From Strangers*. (His left elbow, his official biography boasts, was featured on a national commercial for Subway.)

Before his debut as a television comic, Chris worked full-time as a pediatric physical therapist during the day, and would perform at several different New York City comedy clubs at night.

"My life was crazy for those past couple of years," he said. "I would start PT at 7:30 a.m., get out at 3 p.m., and then do comedy all night until 1 in the morning."

This was his schedule for two years straight.

"I just wanted to be a comedian so bad and make it so bad that finally, two months ago, when I signed this deal with MTV, I quit my day job," he continued. "That, to me, was when I felt like I made it."

"I don't plan to go back to physical therapy, unless I absolutely have to," he said, "but I will always keep that part of my life fresh, just in case."

Chris clarified that, as with every driving passion, there is a struggle and a fight in his profession.

"My advice would be, don't ever give up after the bomb because you're going to learn more, especially in the beginning," he said. "Of course, it's great for your confidence when you hit every joke, but you're not going to learn anything. It's when you fail miserably that you'll look back, try to fix it and then, if you want to be a good comic, you'll be that much better."

Additionally, Chris explained how important it is for students to focus on their own paths, instead of others'.

"Don't get caught up in what other people are doing," Chris said. "Just worry about what you're doing and when the time is right for you and when it's in your cards, things will happen. You'll get a manager, you'll get an agent and, one day, get on television."

With this strong will and optimistic personality, Chris has a lot planned for the next few months. In addition to his work on MTV2, Chris will soon emerge on another television network.

"I'm co-hosting a show on MSG called *The Bracket*, with my friend Yannis Pappas, who's a great comedian," he said. "Also, I'm working on a pilot with my girlfriend, Carly [Aquilino, his *Girl Code* co-star], for MTV, in hopes that it gets picked up."

Even though Chris has become extremely busy with his profession, he continues to go on auditions, participate in comedy festivals and schedule more stand-up comedy dates.

"This is what supports me right now, living my dream," Chris said. "Doing comedy and entertainment is what I've always wanted to do."

"I know I'm not a celebrity or a millionaire, but I feel like I've made it."



Stacey Smith pursues "Making Things Up"

Halfway across the country, Stacey Smith, a bubbly, blue-eyed blond, has been lighting up stages in Chicago. She is not a singer or a musician, but an improv comedian — part of an all-female musical improv troupe called Stacked.

From a young age Stacey enjoyed dressing up and performing in front of a crowd. "It started when I was in middle school," she said. "Sixth grade was my first show, and then I did a musical every year." According to Stacey, her passion for theater intensified during her high school career.

She began her journey at Pace University majoring in theater, before transferring to St. Joseph's Long Island Campus to study speech communications.

Stacey is now a comedian who has trained with the iO Theater, Comedy Sportz, the Annoyance Theater and the world-famous sketch comedy and improv company The Second City, which hired her to perform on the Norwegian Breakaway cruise ship this July through November, alongside her boyfriend, Sam Roos, and comedy duo partner Pat Ivansek.

Although her love for the stage was evident from an early age, she did not always know that she would become an improv comedian.

"I knew that I wanted to do some kind of comedy," Stacey said. "I never knew that what I was doing by dressing up and making people laugh was essentially improv."

During her time at St. Joe's, she was involved in the



Clare Rose Playhouse, helping with the set and participating in shows.

"I was building sets at first because I had experience from Pace University," she said. "I started off doing lighting projects for S. Grace [Rowland, Ph.D., theater director] because I knew how to hang lights and run the lighting boards."

Stacey's unique personality led her from building sets to acting, and by the end of her senior year she had participated in nine shows at the Clare Rose Playhouse.

During that year, S. Grace mentioned that Stacey should look into Second City in Chicago because of her comedic talent.

"In my senior year, she said that I needed to go to Second City, since a lot of famous people went there," she said. Second City has produced dozens of notable comedians, including Alan Arkin, John Belushi, John Candy, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Mike Myers, Chris Farley, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert and Tina Fey, to name only a select few.

Taking S. Grace's words into consideration, Stacey attended a five-day intensive course in Chicago. "I just went for that one week, and loved it so much that I came back for the second part of the course that summer," she said.

In 2009, she moved to Chicago full time to pursue "making things up."

Although improv may appear to be one of the harder forms of comedy, Stacey noted that it's not nearly as competitive as any other brand of comedy, since improv is a team effort, with up to 10 participants in a group.

"The way that you are seen and the way in which you become successful is to create your own opportunities and put in your own ideas," she said. "Improv has such a team

dynamic that you want to make your collaborators look good. It's a group art."

Like Chris, Stacey has also performed at comedy festivals across the U.S., and noted that she finds it extremely interesting to perform for different kinds of people. She attributes her current success to her time spent at St. Joe's and the support she received.

"There are so many great clubs and classes and so many excellent teachers," Stacey said. "They want the learning to be fun, and they want you to be able to use everything that they teach you. The professors make the information pertain to you and what you specifically want to do."

Stacey advises students to be as involved as possible. "When you go to a commuter school you're either there all of the time or none of the time," she said. "You only live once, and if you're going to college you should do as much as you can, because there's no point in not doing it." ■

Chris and Stacey are funny online, too.

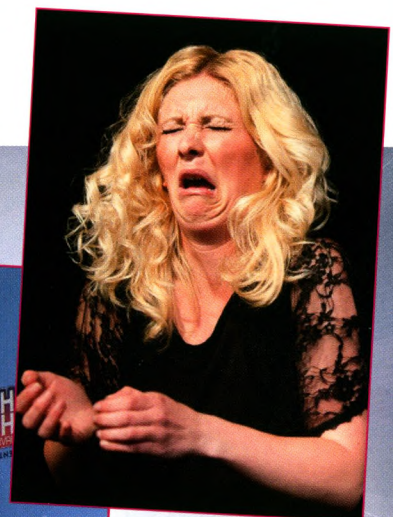
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A man with white hair, wearing a dark blue suit, a light blue shirt, and a yellow and blue striped tie, stands smiling on a paved walkway. Behind him is the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, a multi-story building with a light-colored stone facade and horizontal red brick bands. The building's name is displayed in large red and blue letters, topped with a blue cross logo. A dark tree is visible to the left of the man.

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The Climb to the Top

From X-ray technologist to CEO of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital

By Janee Law '14 • jlaw@student.sjcny.edu

In April 2013, St. Joseph's College alumnus Richard T. Margulis '85 completed his 30-year climb through the ranks of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center as he succeeded longtime CEO Thomas Ockers. His appointment as president and chief executive officer is a major accomplishment — he was the board of directors' unanimous choice to fill the position — but he admits that his original career goal was somewhat different.

"To be quite frank, I wanted to be a physician," he says.

At a young age, his weekends consisted of prepping for hospital procedures and, at times, observing them.

"My mom was an O.R. technician, and every so often she'd let me go into the hospital with her," Mr. Margulis explains. "I used to get dressed up in scrubs, I would do packs in the operating room and put instruments into this special autoclaving material." Then, he reveals, his mother would ask the surgeon if he could sit in on the procedure.

"I think at about 11 and a half years of age, I watched my first operation, which was a knee surgery and that was a real thrill," he says.

Coming from a family of medical professionals, and witnessing miracles inside the operating room, Mr. Margulis was groomed for a career in health care. However, after graduating high school, his parents suggested that he go to trade school to become an X-ray technologist.

"I went to Suffolk for my first year," Mr. Margulis says. "Then, I went to X-ray school and was accepted into the Northport VA School of X-Ray Technology." After completing two years as an X-ray trainee, Mr. Margulis worked full-time and put school on hold, until he decided to continue his education.

"I still had a desire to go back to school and pursue the medical field," Mr. Margulis says. As time went on, he attended Nassau Community College. "The commute from Suffolk was difficult at 7 in the morning," he continues, "so then I stumbled on St. Joe's." His education at the Long Island Campus began in September 1980.

"I think what I immediately enjoyed about St. Joe's was the atmosphere," he says. "There was just an environment that was friendly and felt different from what I had previously experienced in college."

During this time, Mr. Margulis launched his career with the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in East Patchogue and became a part-time X-ray technologist. It was easy for him to attend school in the daytime, since he worked 4 p.m.-to-midnight shift.

"I began a transition in what I wanted to be when I grew up ... I still don't know what I want to be," he laughs. "It was 1983, a year and a half before I graduated, and I was sitting in a classroom, listening to one of the instructors, and realized that I could get into management and health care."

As he started to take his career path more seriously, the love for health care he acquired as a child was brought back to life.

"That same passion was resurrected when I was sitting in the classroom at St. Joe's," he says. According to Mr. Margulis, his professors inspired this dramatic change.

"If I reflect back on my education at St. Joe's, there were many people who influenced me and some that really touched me in a spiritual way, in terms of learning and educating and that made a difference," he says. "I think that's what education has to be and that's what St. Joe's offered me."

"There were terrific people, who came into my life through that training experience," Mr. Margulis continues, "and I started to look at my teachers for the value of who they were. It was Richard Barry, Richard McNenerney and Richard Paganini, who made a tremendous difference in my life."

For Mr. Margulis, Mr. Barry, who was his adviser at SJC, was very insightful, compassionate and mindful. Meanwhile, Mr. McNenerney removed "all the barriers to being an authority, as opposed to being an educator," and Mr. Paganini taught him to be comfortable with whom he was through principles of public speaking.

As a whole, St. Joseph's was a place that stimulated and challenged his mind and Mr. Margulis became more open to other experiences, while being content with his individuality. "The value of St. Joe's grew exponentially and I don't think that happens much in school," he says.

After graduating SJC in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in health administration, Mr. Margulis attended Dowling College and earned an Executive Master of Business Administration. "I had a great experience at Dowling and learned a lot," Mr. Margulis says, "but I will tell you, I have never had an educational experience as I had at St. Joe's, ever."

When his years as a student came to a close, Mr. Margulis became a full-time X-ray technologist at Brookhaven, and later was promoted to manager of mental health and alcohol services. From there his career escalated, as he became health care administrator for the South Brookhaven Health Center in Shirley and then senior administrator for both Shirley and Patchogue health centers. Meanwhile, he expanded his horizons by becoming an educator at SJC.

"I was at a function 17 years ago, and I met this very nice, very well-spoken nun," he says, "and her name was Sister Elizabeth [A. Hill, C.S.J., president of St. Joseph's]." As the two were introduced, Mr. Margulis explained that he was a proud graduate of the College and would like to try his hand at teaching.

"I think my first class at St. Joe's was in '96 and I've taught every year from that point forward," Mr. Margulis says. "I like to teach management courses and Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare Delivery System. I enjoy being in the classroom and hope to keep teaching."

In regard to his occupation in health care, Mr. Margulis was relocated back to Brookhaven Hospital in July 1996 as vice president of operations. In the years that followed, he was promoted to chief operating officer, senior vice president, executive vice president and now president and CEO of the organization.

Throughout his professional life, Mr. Margulis has viewed every situation as an opportunity to improve himself.

"You don't have to be an expert, but you have to be able to recognize your shortcomings, correct them, support others and have the best people around you," he says. "You should always look at something as an opportunity, which leads to embracing change and, when you go to school, you should be open to new ideas. Otherwise, why would you be in school if you knew everything?"

According to Mr. Margulis, great leaders are 'made over time. They are proactive in their efforts and sustain the courage to stand up, speak out or go against social norms.

"Our times are very difficult and challenging," he says. "It's a different environment, and sometimes it's easier to maintain

the status quo than to challenge something. Look at what is in front of you because it's there and if you want to do something, you can achieve it.

"I've reflected a lot on my education and what I learned at St. Joe's are tools — things that I take into my adulthood — as well as my career and profession that were very important and have helped me be successful," Mr. Margulis says. "I hope you have it at St. Joe's, in your careers, in your lives, and you have people who have an influence on you in that way. It is awesome." ■



Robert Ansler

Mr. Margulis is not the only SJC alumnus running the show at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center. **Lisa Rose '97**, a devoted alumna and trustee of St. Joseph's College, has sat on the hospital's board of directors since 2002 and is currently serving as its vice chair. Ms. Rose is the former CEO and president of Clare Rose Inc., a third-generation beer distributor, owned and operated by her family for

more than 75 years. Clare Rose employs more than 300 people in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Ms. Rose started at the company as an office assistant and, like Mr. Margulis did at Brookhaven, climbed the ranks from office manager in Nassau to supervisor of a team of driver salesmen in Suffolk. She was promoted to vice president and general manager in 1997, and was president and CEO from 2003 to 2009. She currently serves on the company's board, as well as the Culinary Arts Board at Suffolk County Community College.

A Team Player

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commit to my job," Dr. Cygan explains. Even though his work in the medical field requires a lot of his time, Dr. Cygan remains dedicated to his team at St. Joe's.

"I owe a lot to them," he continues, regarding Coach Coccozello and Athletics Director Frank Carbone. "They gave me a great opportunity and a great four years."

Though Dr. Cygan mentions his gratitude towards the College and the education he received from SJC, he has a particular appreciation for the athletic program. "When you're an athlete you feel that sense of loyalty to the school and I want to give back," he says. "I hope to stay involved at SJC as much as I can."

Above all, Dr. Cygan enjoys being a guide for his aspiring students. "Not long ago, I was in their shoes," he says. "We have a couple of athletes now that want to be doctors, and when they see me, they realize that they could do the same thing. It's pretty cool. I like that mentor relationship, and my goal for them is

to get into medical school."

Whether it's on the basketball court or in the emergency room, assisting others has always been one of the greatest qualities about Dr. Cygan. With this, he advises students to enter into the medical field with good intentions.

"The money is not the reason to go in for it," he says. "If you like taking care of people and working with people, then it's the job for you. Otherwise you're going to be miserable. Do it for the altruistic reasons. Do it because you care about people."

Although Dr. Cygan has spent years preparing for his profession, he explains that each phase carries a new surprise. "Every year, you're never sure if you're ready for the next step," he says. "But it's a rewarding job and you feel a sense of duty by becoming part of that team also.

"From St. Joe's to residency, it's all the same type of thing. It has helped me and my outlook a lot.

"I love my life," Dr. Cygan continued, "and I'm enjoying it." ■

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ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



Robert Napolitano

SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill '64, C.S.J., joins fellow alumni for the 2013 Scholarship Brunch at Water's Edge Restaurant in Long Island City on April 14.

Class Notes

Brooklyn

1940s

Lillian Santoro Signorelli '43 and her husband, Joe, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last June.

1950s

Marion Orlando Celenza '53, an author and food enthusiast, published her fourth cookbook, *All Are Welcome to This Table*. The 430-page book includes a generous selection of breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert and casserole recipes; sections on grilling, dressings, sauces, gravies and dip; and an informative chapter on cheeses from 14 different countries.

Carol Humphrey Pecoraro '57 has a new book out called *Soft Breezes — Painting and Poetry*.

1960s

Elaine Flanagan Ciccone '64 went on a safari to South Africa.

Margaret Candee Jacob '64 has been elected a fellow of the American Academy

of Arts and Sciences. She is married to Lynn A. Hunt.

Mary Noberini '64 visited Mexico City in January.

Rita Reilly Siebenaler '64 lives in Key West, Fla. She, **Mary Morgan Tirola '64** and **Margaret Harrington '64** visited Cuba this year.

Christina McCullagh Cronin '65 asks for prayers for her son, U.S. Army Capt. Kevin Cronin, who was deployed to Afghanistan after serving two tours of duty in Iraq. Capt. Cronin earned a Bronze Star for valorous achievement in 2005.

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Jane Cozzi Murray '69 and her husband, Michael, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary this year. They also spent their first winter in Scottsdale, Ariz., and are enjoying retirement.

1970s

Kevin A. Reilly '76 was appointed chair of the New York State Bar Association's 1,070-member Environmental Law Section. A resident of New Jersey, he is a senior staff attorney for the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department.

1990s

Donna Frasca Brady '93 is the new director of the Osceola Church Preschool in Clark, N.J.

John Fitzgerald '93 and **Lori Torone Fitzgerald '94** are celebrating their 12th wedding anniversary. The couple lives in Maspeth, Queens, with their children, Claire, 8, and Jack, 5.

Regina Cirigliano-Kieran '94 is enjoying her 19th year of teaching in Brooklyn. She currently teaches eighth-grade language arts and reading in the Marine Park area. Regina also runs her school's Builders Club, which earned an honorable mention for the New York City Department of Education's first Service in Schools award. They were also honored at Gracie Mansion by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, and met Chancellor Dennis M. Walcott. Last June, Regina was nominated for *People* magazine's Teacher of the Year by DonorsChoose.org, an organization that connects donors with teachers who write grant proposals for their classrooms. One of her lesson plans was featured on *The New York Times'* The Learning Network website, in the Great Ideas From Readers section. Regina recently celebrated seven years of marriage with her husband, Michael.

2000s

Jennifer Henrich Cote '00 and her husband live in New Jersey with their

three sons: Tommy, 4, and twins Brandon and Tyler, who were born in May.

Congratulations to **Anthony Leone '05** and **Taylor Orofino '07**, who were married in August. **Amanda Terrone '09** was one of Taylor's bridesmaids.

Congratulations to **Erin Dorso '06** on her engagement to Brian Willis.

Long Island

1980s

Susan Peters Sangiamo '84 recently published her first children's book, *Meet Lefty St. James*, which is available on Amazon.com. Susan has been a special education teacher with the Three Village Central School District in East Setauket, N.Y., for the past 28 years.

Jean Goldstein '88 has been named chief operating officer of Prestige Employee Administrators Inc. in Melville. She has worked at Prestige for more than six years, and has served as controller and chief accounting officer. A C.P.A., Ms. Goldstein has more than 25 years of experience in managing operations.

1990s

Lisa Gatti '90 has been elected chair of the board of directors for EAGALA, a nonprofit organization developed to address the need for resources, education and professionalism in the fields of equine-assisted psychotherapy and equine-assisted learning. Lisa is the founder and executive director of Pal-O-Mine Equestrian in Islandia, where she resides.

Christopher Luna '95 has been named the first poet laureate of Clark County, Wash., by the Clark County Arts Commission. A resident of Vancouver, Wash., Christopher is a poet, visual artist and editor. He earned a Master of Fine Arts in Writing and Poetics at the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied

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Poetics at Naropa University in Boulder, Colo., and currently serves as a writing consultant and poetry event coordinator for Washington State University Vancouver's Writing Center, where he also teaches a weekly workshop. Christopher's work has appeared in *The New York Journal of Books*, *The Poetry Project Newsletter*, *The Columbian*, *The Oregonian* and *Willamette Week*. He co-edited *Ghost Town Poetry*, a collection of poems from a popular open-microphone poetry reading series he established in 2004. Christopher is frequently a featured reader at bookstores, nightclubs, libraries and coffee shops.

Jennifer Velez McGuire '97 celebrated her daughter Amber's graduation from kindergarten in June.

2000s

Barbara Cahill '00 is the marketing manager in new products for the over-the-counter marketing team at Perrigo Company in Allegan, Mich. She has 13 years of experience in new product development and category management. Barbara currently resides in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Tina Rainone '04 married Daniel Karn in March. Tina is a teacher, and the couple resides in Orlando, Fla.

Gregg Gudelinis '05 was engaged to Katie Schmutzler last August. They will be married in May 2014. He was



Robert Amsler

S. Elizabeth A. Hill '64, C.S.J., networks with alumnae and friends at the first annual Health Care Achievement Awards, held on the Long Island Campus on June 26.

promoted to reading center coordinator at Suffolk County Community College. In the fall they will move to Miller Place, where they are having a house built.

Congratulations to **Loriann Starr '05** and **James Starr '05**, who welcomed a son, James Paul Starr Jr., in December 2012.

Helen Partlow '06 earned a Juris Doctor in 2012 from Touro Law School. Upon graduation, Helen was honored with an award for her work with the public in the surrounding communities. She is a licensed attorney in New York and Massachusetts, and was married in 2011. She currently lives with her husband, Paul, in Norwood, Mass.

Katie Mirro '08 earned a master's degree in educational leadership at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She is a licensed school-based administrator, and is looking forward to teaching first grade for several more years before seeking an assistant principal position.

William DeSimone '09 graduated with his Doctor of Medicine degree from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine in April.

Best wishes to **Alexandra Hess '09**, who married Sean Higgins in October 2012.

Marissa Schultz '09 was engaged to Jeffrey Hoogsteden last September. An October 2013 wedding is planned.

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2010s

Jason Alexander '10 and **Christina Dykas '10** purchased a home together in May. Jason was promoted to regional sales director for Islandaire Inc. in East Setauket. Christina is an internal auditor at Canon USA Inc. in Melville.

Nicole Lubrano '10 was engaged to Steven Horshinski in Turks and Caicos in June. She graduated with a master's degree in English, with honors, from LIU Post, where she taught English composition for

the past two years. She recently accepted a product manager position.

Jessica Bancroft '12 was engaged to Andrew Heschl in August 2011. A July 2014 wedding is planned. She will be teaching at St. Dominic School in Oyster Bay this fall.

Kelly Ann McLoughlin-Fisher '12 was appointed executive director of Pronto of Long Island, a Bay Shore-based outreach agency that provides food, clothes and vital services to the needy. She previously served as director of human resources at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip. Kelly Ann also volunteers her time with many community groups, including Women of West Islip.

Moises Sa '13 has joined Cohen Greve & Company in Mineola as a staff accountant. The Farmingville resident was an intern at the C.P.A. firm during his senior year at St. Joseph's. ■

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ALUMNICONNECTIONS



Robert Napolitano

Alumni Association Board Member **Robert Sturges '06** received the 2013 Alumni Leadership Award from the Long Island Student Government Association at its annual Leadership Awards Brunch, held at Land's End in Sayville on May 4. Robert, a financial services representative at North Shore Financial Group, is pictured with Director of Alumni Relations **Paige Napoli Carbone '02**.



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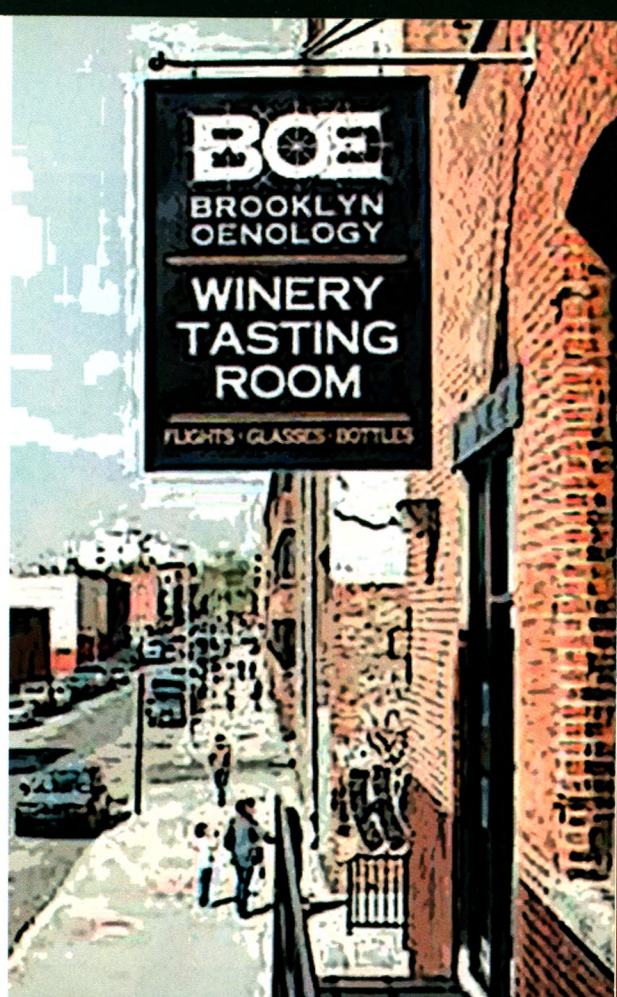
Senior **Stephanie Thermoizier '13** received the Alumni Award at the Brooklyn Campus' A&S Senior Night on May 10. She is pictured with Assistant Director of Alumni Relations **Marianne Ferrara '69**.



Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations and Stewardship **Mary Jo Burke Chiara '69** presents the 2013 Alumni Leadership Award to **Dr. Paul Peter Romanello '79** at the Annual Leadership Lunch, held at the Dyker Beach Golf Club on April 27. A member of St. Joseph's board of trustees, Dr. Romanello is a cardiologist at Park East Cardiology Associates in Manhattan.



Stephen Somers '82 shares a laugh with Brooklyn Director of Athletics **Frank Carbone** and Coordinator of Sports Information **Anthony Macapugay** at the Brooklyn Athletic Awards on May 17. Mr. Somers, a former member of the Bears basketball team and current owner and president of Vigon International, was the honorary guest speaker at the event.



ALUMNI Wine Tasting

**Thursday
October 3, 2013
6-9 p.m.**

Brooklyn Oenology Winery
209 Wythe Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11211

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Spring Reunion Weekend

April 18-21, 2013



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Robert Amsler

Class of 2003 (10th anniversary)



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Class of 2008 (fifth anniversary)



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*Class of 1943
(70th anniversary)*



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Class of 1993 (20th anniversary)



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Class of 1953 (60th anniversary)



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Class of 1988 (Silver Jubilee)



Class of 1963 (Golden Jubilee)



Class of 1983 (30th anniversary)



Class of 1973 (40th anniversary)



The SJC Family Carnival and BBQ on April 21 on the Brooklyn Campus' O'Connor Mall.

A Taste of Long Island



Paige Napoli Carbone '02

Long Island Campus alumni enjoy a sunny afternoon at Macari Vineyards in Mattituck during the Alumni East End Wine Tour on June 22. Pictured are Joseph Leocata '07, M.B.A. '09; Dorothy Heintze Pugliese '07 and Joseph Pugliese '07; Michael Meyers '08; Christopher Brady '07, M.B.A. '11 (with fiancée Annalisa Strada); Nicole Hamann Tangel '07 and Matthew Tangel '07; Richard Palilla '07, M.B.A. '12, and Jennifer Gorman Palilla '08; and Elizabeth Alessi Annunziata '07 and Keith Annunziata '07, M.B.A '10.

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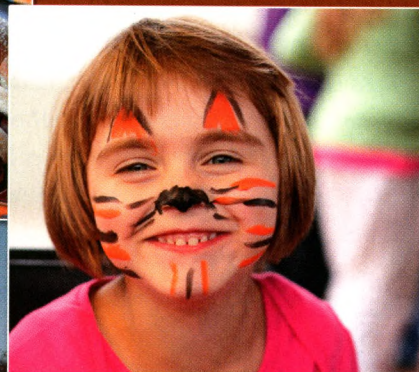
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Fall/Winter 2013

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For a complete listing of events, visit www.sjcny.edu.

SEPTEMBER

- 21 A Day at the Races Luncheon**
Noon at Belmont Park, Elmont
- 27 Golden Eagles Athletic Hall of Fame**
6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. induction ceremony
John A. Danzi Athletic Center, Long Island Campus
- 27-29 Alumni & Family Weekend
(Long Island Campus)**
Visit www.sjcny.edu/alumniweekend
for a listing of events.
- 30 Founder's Day Lecture**
Ross Douthat, *New York Times* columnist,
National Review film critic and author of *Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics*
12:30 p.m. in Tuohy Hall Auditorium,
Brooklyn Campus

OCTOBER

- 3 Alumni Wine Tasting**
6-9 p.m. at Brooklyn Oenology Winery (BOE),
Williamsburg
- 4 SJC Working For You**
Open house for alumni recruiters or hiring managers
11 a.m.-2 p.m., Long Island Campus
- 4 Brooklyn Voices: Jhumpa Lahiri**
7 p.m. in Tuohy Hall Auditorium, Brooklyn Campus
- 19 Alumni Fall Luncheon**
Noon at Club 101, Manhattan

- 21 Psyched for the Future**
Panel featuring psychology alumni
5 p.m. in Shea Conference Center, Long Island Campus

NOVEMBER

- 7 Alumni Night — Chapel Players
Dramatic Society Presents: Rent**
For mature audiences
7 p.m., Brooklyn Campus
- 8 31st Annual Scholarship Gala**
Honoring SJC President S. Elizabeth A. Hill, C.S.J.
6:30 p.m. at Crest Hollow Country Club, Woodbury
- 14 Alumni & Friends Networking Social**
6 p.m., Long Island Campus
- 16 Alumni Memorial Mass**
11 a.m. at Kennedy Chapel
Followed by lunch in the Parlors, Brooklyn Campus

DECEMBER

- 6 Home for the Holidays:
UA and SGA Reunion**
6 p.m. in the Parlors, Brooklyn Campus
- 7 Home for the Holidays:
Breakfast With Santa**
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Long Island Campus
- 21 East vs. West Game**
Time TBD, Brooklyn Campus

TRAVEL IN 2014



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